

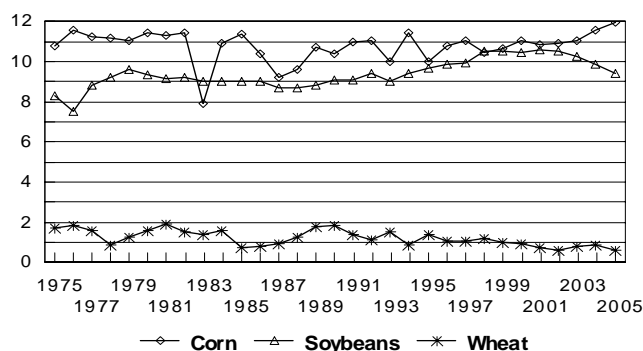
# CROPS

Planting of 12.1 million acres of corn in 2005 made rapid progress during the first half of April reaching the halfway point by the end of April. Unusually cool temperatures and little precipitation had farmers concerned during the first half of May. Frost in low regions slowed the growth of emerged corn. Some farmers in the Northern Districts had to replant corn fields due to frost damage. Planting was nearly complete by the second half of May. Drought conditions persisted from June until August putting stress on the corn crop. Corn harvest began earlier than previous years due to the drought. Harvest started the first half of September. Normal harvest progress occurred during the month of October and was nearly complete by the beginning of November. The 2005 value of the corn crop was 3.33 billion dollars, 25 percent less than the previous year.

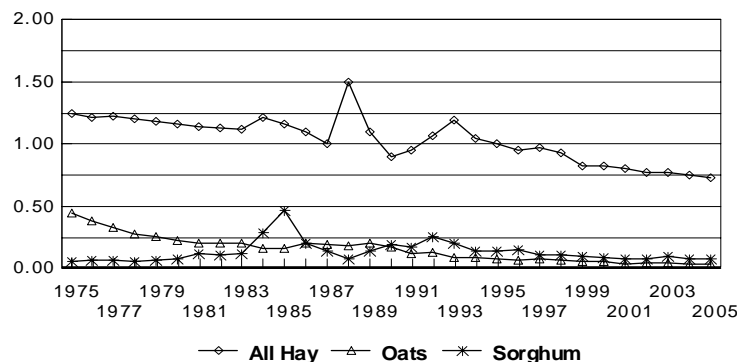
Soybean planting got off to a slow start during the beginning of May because of cool temperatures. Farmers were waiting for warmer temperatures to continue planting. Planting of 9.5 million acres was virtually complete by the beginning of June. Drought conditions stalled soybean growth until August when beneficial rains came and helped fill out the pods. Harvest of soybeans was slow during the second half of September but made excellent progress during October and was nearly complete by the start of November. The value of the 2005 soybean crop was 2.44 billions dollars, 15 percent below the 2004 crop.

Winter wheat acreage for 2005 totaled 630 thousand seeded, 32 percent less than the previous year. The value of the wheat crop was 31 percent below the previous year at 117 million dollars. Acreage seeded to oats in 2005 was 60 thousand, up from 55 thousand in 2004. The oat crop was valued at 5.69 million dollars, up 48 percent from 2004. Acreage planted to sorghum in 2005 was 85 thousand, unchanged from the previous year. Sorghum value was 19 percent below 2004 reaching 13.7 million dollars. Harvested acreage of hay in 2005 was 730 thousand, three percent less than 2004. The hay crop was valued at 193 million dollars.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**  
Illinois Harvested Acres (Millions)



**OTHER CROPS**  
Illinois Harvested Acres (Millions)



## CROPS: Record highs through 2005, Illinois

Crops	Unit	Date series began	Acres harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
			Year	Acres	Year	Yield	Year	Production
			<u>Thousands</u>				<u>Thousands</u>	
Corn for grain	Bushels	1866	2005	11,950	2004	180	2004	2,088,000
Soybeans	Bushels	1919	2001	10,620	2004	50	2004	495,000
Sorghum for grain	Bushels	1931	1985	470	2004	109	1985	36,190
Wheat	Bushels	1866	1919	4,103	2003	65	1989	105,020
Oats	Bushels	1866	1925	4,855	2003	89	1917	207,000
All hay	Tons	1866	1940	3,523	1990	3.72	1956	5,065